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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Jonathan Wike
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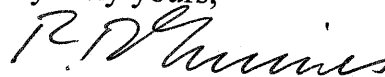
Re: Complaint of Michael Van Wies against CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc., TRA Docket No. 02-00058.

Dear Mr. Wike:

In a letter dated May 26, 2002, Mr. Van Wies states that a protective order is not necessary because he has not sought, and does not intend to seek, any confidential information from CenturyTel. Mr. Van Wies has asked for some information, specifically trunk data for the Third Quarter of 2001, that, if it existed, would be deemed confidential by CenturyTel. The existing information that Mr. Van Wies has requested was served on him as part of CenturyTel's response to his discovery requests on Friday, May 24, 2002. A copy of this discovery response was also filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on Tuesday, May 28, 2002.

CenturyTel requests that the proposed protective order be issued now so that the issue of confidentiality does not arise in the midst of the hearing thereby causing unnecessary delay. The proposed order is typical of the protective orders that the TRA routinely issues, with only a few changes having been made to take into account that Mr. Van Wies is pro se. If the order is never needed then it will not matter. However, if Mr. Van Wies later seeks information that CenturyTel deems confidential or if it becomes necessary for CenturyTel to disclose confidential information in its own defense, then it will be helpful to have a protective order already in place, as is usually the case.

Very truly yours,



R. Dale Grimes

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cc: Mr. Michael Van Wies
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